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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOV ON ANTI-SOVIETISM

1. TO ENSURE THAT TODOR ZHIVKOV'S PYROTECHNICS IN DEFENSE OF SOVIET UNION AND ATTACKING WEST DO NOT GO UNNOTICED IN FLOOD OF RHETORIC FROM 25TH CPUSSR CONGRESS, WE QUOTE BELOW SOME OF THE MORE COLORFUL PASSAGES FROM BOTH HIS CONGRESS SPEECH AND ONE GIVEN TO SOVIET-BULGARIAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION.

2. FROM CONGRESS SPEECH:

"SINCE THE EXISTENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION, DECADE AFTER DECADE, YEAR AFTER YEAR, DAY IN AND DAY OUT, THE ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO FLING MUD AT THE SUN, TO OBSCURE THE AUREOLE OF THE GREAT SOVIET COUNTRY. AT PRESENT THE SLANDERERS DO NOTHING BUT LAMENT ABOUT THE FREEDOM OF THE SOVIET MAN AND THE DEMOCRACY OF SOVIET SOCIETY, THE LATEST TOPIC OF ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA. WEEPING ARE THE MONOPOLISTS AND THE BIG LANDOWNERS, WAILING ARE THE NOT QUITE DEAD WAR CRIMINALS AND THEIR SUCCESSORS, CRYING ARE THE FASCIST GANGS, WEEPING ARE THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS AND THE HOARSE VOICES OF THE 'FREE' PRESS AND THE 'FREE' RADIO STATIONS. BUT WE ARE

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AWARE THAT THIS WILL NOT BE THE FIRST NOR THE LAST ABSURD WEEPING

IN THE HISTORY OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE."

3. THEME WAS AMPLIFIED IN THE SPEECH TO SOVIET-BULGARIAN  
FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION MARCH 2.

"WE REALIZE WELL WHO ONCE AGAIN ORGANIZES, AND WITH WHAT AIM,  
THE ANTI-SOVIET HYSTERICS IN THE WEST, AND WE KNOW WHO IS CRYING  
OVER DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM IN THE SOVIET UNION, AND WE KNOW WHAT  
IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DREGS OF THE PEN PROPAGANDA. ONLY  
THIRTY YEARS AGO WE WERE ALSO SOMETHING LIKE THE 'WEST'. WE  
WERE A COUNTRY IN WHICH TORRENTS OF UNPUNISHED ANTI-SOVIET LIES  
AND SLANDERS WERE UNLEASHED DAY IN AND DAY OUT, WHILE EVEN THE  
MOST INNOCENT WORD IN DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION BROUGHT ONE  
INTO COURT, INTO PRISON, OR IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP. ALL PEOPLES,  
AND PARTICULARLY THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE, ARE WELL AWARE OF THE  
FACT THAT ANTI-SOVIETISM PRECEDES EVERY REACTIONARY AND FASCIST  
CAMPAIGN, JUST AS A BRASS BAND MARCHES IN FRONT OF A REGIMENT.  
ONCE AGAIN THOSE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FREEDOM OF THE FREE  
SOVIET MAN ARE THOSE WHO ARE NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE CONSTANTLY  
RISING PRICES IN THEIR SHOPS, ABOUT THE FATE OF THE  
UNEMPLOYED IN THEIR TERRITORY, ABOUT THE ILLITERACY OF THE  
CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN CITIZENS, ABOUT THE HUNDRED OF MILLIONS  
OF FAMINE-STRICKEN AND UNDERFED PEOPLE IN ASIA, AFRICA, AND  
LATIN AMERICA, ABOUT THE UNRESOLVED AND INSOLUBLE PROBLEMS  
IN A WORLD IN WHICH THE MOST NATURAL IMPULSES OF THE  
INDIVIDUAL DIE AWAY."

"AT ONE TIME THERE WAS ADVANCED THE MYTH OF THE SO-CALLED  
IRON CURTAIN. WHEN THIS MYTH COLLAPSED BEFORE THE EYES OF  
CONTEMPORARIES, NOW AGAIN A SMOKE SCREEN IS BEING RAISED.  
EVIDENTLY THE IMPERIALISTS WILL ALWAYS NEED SOME KIND OF A  
SCREEN\* THEIR ONLY GOAL IS THAT THERE BE SOMETHING WHICH  
WILL CONCEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION AND  
SOCIALISM FROM THE ORDINARY PEOPLE OF THE CAPITALIST WORLD."

4. COMMENT: THEME ALTHOUGH NOT EXACTLY NEW WAS A HIT WHEN  
PLAYED BY BULGARIAN STAR PEFORMER ON TOUR, AND NOW THERE  
WILL BE INNUMERABLE VARIATIONS BY ALL THE LESSER ARTISTS AT  
HOME. RABOTNICHESKO DELO ALREADY ON MARCH 4 CARRIED  
EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THE ABSURD WEEPING" WHICH WAS SIGNED BY  
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ITS EDITOR AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT MEMBER  
GEORGI BOKOV. THE BCP ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS (MARCH 29-  
APRIL 2) WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE A GALA PERFORMANCE FOR THE  
HOME FOLKS.  
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